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ELI SCHOOLEY
SGA PRESIDENT

K-Staters,

We've made it to March! The weather might not be much warmer yet, but spring break is right around the corner and summer is in sight!

From the start of our time in office, Jake and I have had the goal of moving K-State toward a more holistic mobile application for smartphones and tablets — one that would allow students to check grades, class notes, pay bills, as well as receive K-State news updates and other alerts.

We knew coordinating the myriad of departments and entities on campus who deserve a say in the creation of such an app would be a big task, and that has proved to be true; however, we believe it will be more than worth it in the long run.

Here's a summary of our work: the folks in charge of iSIS have been hard at work for months on the potential for a mobile version of the system — or a similar version of the system that would allow mobility to be an option. The same goes for the K-State Online leadership team — they too are working on a potential transition to Canvas, a system used at a number of other universities around the nation and currently being tested by a handful of K-State students. Canvas would provide options for mobility on smartphones and tablets as well.

Finally, there's the K-State App released by the Division of Communications and Marketing in 2013, which has received an impressive number of downloads in the six or so months since its release.

After work with all three of these relevant entities over the past months, we're thrilled to say they're now working in coordination on the concept of a full-service app for K-Staters. What's the next step? Student input! In the next couple of weeks, we'll be sending a survey out to the entirety of the student body asking students what they'd like to see — specifically — in a mobile app. Class schedules? Grades? Financial information?

Questions like these and more will be included in the survey. We need your help encouraging fellow students to take the time (five minutes) to complete it. Its importance for the future of mobility at K-State cannot be understated! Watch for an email and social media campaign in the near future.

Thanks for reading; more updates on this to come. Only two weeks until spring break — make them good ones!

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George Walker | The Collegian

David Zeiger, sophomore in secondary education, tutors Brandi Goetz, freshman in biochemistry, on Sunday in Derby Hall's Academic Learning Center. Goetz went to get help with her Calculus I homework.

Tutoring Center meets increased student needs through expansions

By SOM KANDLUR
THE COLLEGIAN

Students struggling with classes have turned to the Tutoring Center since 1989. Now, decades later, it is expanding to a third location- Kramer Dining Center.

"It started out on a small scale but it has really grown," Judith Lynch, director of the Academic Assistance Center, said. "It's a free service for any student at K-State, and we specialize in tutoring for the large, entry-level courses and math and science courses where students tend to have most of the difficulty."

The center offers a variety of individual and small group tutoring, as well as walk-in sessions

for various subjects. For the past few years, the Tutoring Center has attempted to keep up with the increased needs of the students on campus. To meet these needs, it has expanded to more sites.

"When it started, it was just this area: Leisure 201," Kimberly Dierks, coordinator of the Leisure Tutoring Center, said. "Two years ago, we added the Lafene program. In 2013, we added the evening program and just on Feb. 10, we started the Kramer program."

Dierks said the biggest reason for expansion was to be able to add more work space, and to accommodate students who worked during the day.

"We had too many students for the size of the facility," Dierks said. "We were sending people to the library because there were not

enough cubicles, so we needed some designated space just for us."

Dierks said that as there were many students who wanted to use the tutoring services, but who worked during the day. They added evening tutoring hours in the fall of 2013 to be more available for students around their busy schedules.

The latest expansion in Heritage Room at Kramer Dining Hall currently offers walk-in help to students in a number of subjects including biology, math, writing and Spanish, between 2-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

Dierks said the expansion has helped the tutoring services offer more help to the students

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Former Manhattan mayor declares Congressional run

By MIKE STANTON
THE COLLEGIAN

Last month, K-State professor of history and former Manhattan mayor Jim Sherow officially declared his intention to seek the Democratic nomination for the U.S. House of Representatives in Kansas' 1st Congressional District. Republican Tim Huelskamp has held the seat since 2011.

"I felt like there wasn't effective representation in the 1st District," Sherow said. "Tim Huelskamp was taken off the agricultural committee by his own party leadership, and he was also taken off the budget committee. Those are very important committees for our district."

Sherow also said that the political posturing surrounding the shut-

down of the federal government in October had a hand in his decision to run. He said that, if elected, he plans to approach his congressional service the same way he did his terms as Manhattan mayor (2011-12) and city commissioner (2007-13).

"We worked with the community to achieve goals we all had in mind," Sherow said. "It didn't matter in the least what political party people identified with. The question was, 'What's the goal and what do we want to accomplish?'"

Nick Leiker, sophomore in pre-law and political science and membership coordinator for K-State's College Republicans, said that Sherow has good ideas, but won't have an easy path to the U.S. House.

"For a Democrat in the First District, it will be relatively difficult," Leiker said. "If he can communicate his ideas to the public, he

has a decent shot, but given that we are in a red state, it will be difficult for any Democrat to challenge for a seat held by Republicans as long as this one has."

According to Leiker, Huelskamp has a lot of people who want to run against him. Alan LaPolice, resident of Clyde, Kan., has also expressed disapproval of Huelskamp's representation. LaPolice is a republican Congressional candidate from Kansas' 1st District, which includes Manhattan.

Scott Seel, Sherow's campaign manager, said that another Democrat has filed paperwork to appear on the ballot for the party's primary in August.

"We want to return responsibility, respect and results to the 1st District," Seel said. "Jim is running to represent the hardworking people of the district, not just one issue. We want to listen to the people of

the district and support what's best for them."

Sherow said he identifies with a movement in Congress known as No Labels, an organization made up of Democrats, Republicans and independents. According to the organization's website, its members are, "dedicated to promoting a new politics of problem solving."

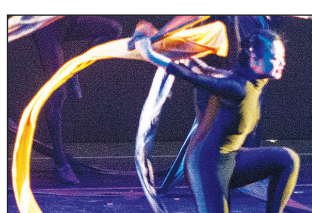
"When you take an inflexible attitude and approach to government, you don't get anything done," Sherow said.

After the primaries in early August, the Democratic and Republican nominees for the seat will square off in the general election on Nov. 4. The 1st District, which geographically covers more than half the state, has been held by Republican representatives since 1955. It is one of the largest districts in the country, with approximately 675,000 constituents.

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Question of the Day

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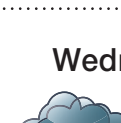


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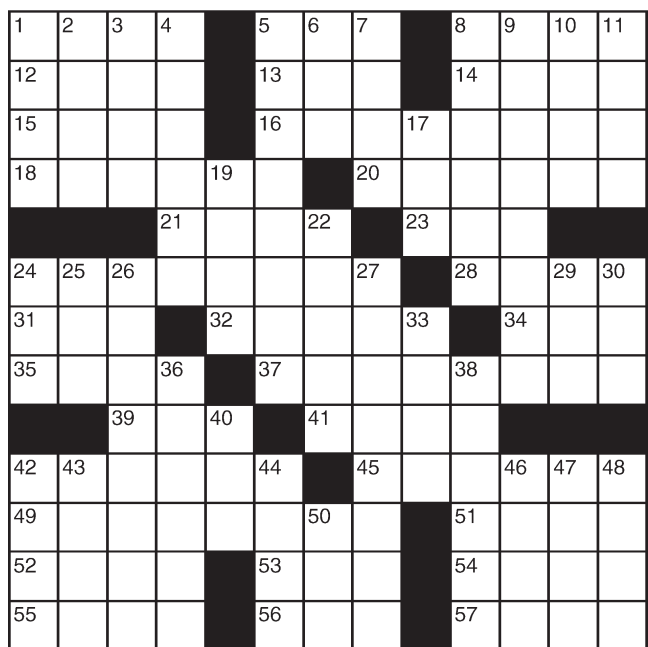
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Saturday's answer 3-3



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ARREST REPORTS

Thursday, Feb. 27

Erwin Giovanni Ruelas, 900 block of Osage Street, was booked for violation of protection orders. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Mahfuza Haq Lima, 1500 International Court, was booked for domestic battery. Bond was listed at \$1,000.

Michael James Lodes, 500 block of Colorado Street, was booked for aggravated battery and failure to stop at an injury accident. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Michael Sloan Young, Wichita, Kan., was booked for aggravated sexual battery, battery and criminal restraint. Bond was listed at \$5,000.

Friday, Feb. 28

Jerri Jill Haller, Leonardville, Kan., was booked for identity theft. Bond was listed at \$2,000.

Saturday, March 1

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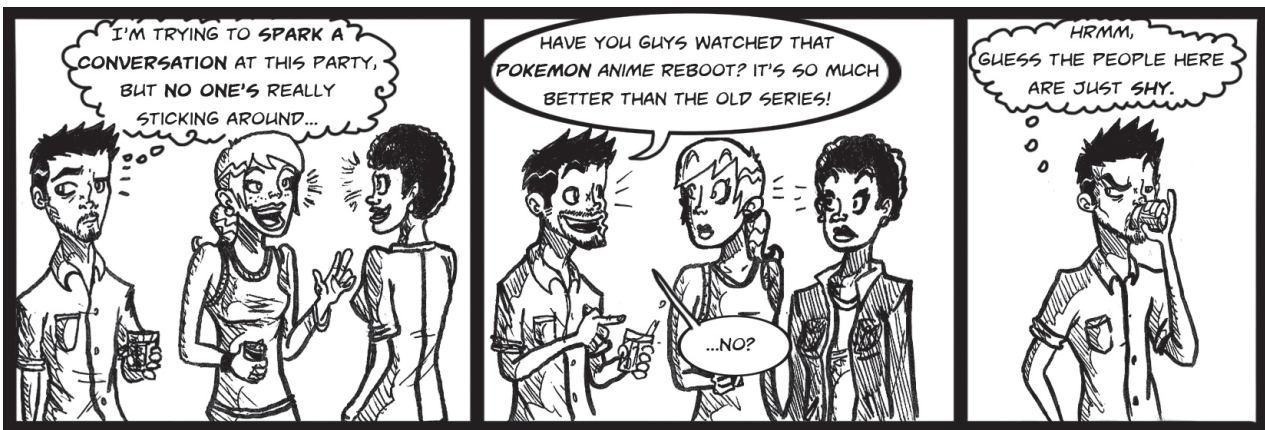
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The Weekly Planner

Monday, March 3

Foundation Scholarship Day

Submission deadline to complete iSIS Graduation Application for May graduation

Women's Basketball
K-State vs TCU Senior Night
Bramlage Coliseum, 7 p.m.

Walk-in Portrait Day
Dole Hall, 10 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m.

Defense of Doctoral Dissertations
Matthew Troia
324 Ackert Hall, 8 a.m.

Education On-Campus Interviews
Bramlage Coliseum, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Commerce Bank Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award Lecture
Big 12 Room K-State Student Union,
3:30-4:30 p.m.

UPC presents Project Runway: The Hunger Games
Ballroom, K-State Student Union, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 4

Student Governing Association General Elections
Noon to March 5, 6 p.m.

K-State Alerts Testing
Manhattan, Olathe and Salina campuses, 1:30 p.m.

UPC presents Slam Poet: Shihan Town Hall
Leadership Studies Building, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5

Walk-in Wednesday
Holtz Hall, noon to 4 p.m.

Defense of Doctoral Dissertations
Dinusha Udukala
209 Chemistry/Biochemistry Building, 3 p.m.

Real Fun. Real Consequences with Sarah Barr & J.D.
Forum Hall, K-State Student Union, 8 p.m.

Thursday, March 6

The Old Maid and the Thief and Trial by Jury Mark A.
Chapman Theatre, Nichols Hall, 7:30 p.m.

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Ground floor courtyard, K-State Student Union,
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K-State Idol Auditions
Director's Conference Room, K-State Student Union,
5:30-9 p.m.

Friday, March 7

Brazil Coffee Hour
International Student Center, 4-5 p.m.

Danu
McCain Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

UPC Film: "Frozen"
Forum Hall, K-State Student Union, 8 p.m.

K-State After Hours: Magician Mat Franco
Forum Hall, K-State Student Union, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 8

Hallows and Horcruxes Ball
K-State Alumni Center

Tennis
K-State vs. Wichita State
Body First Fitness and Tennis Center, noon

Men's Basketball
K-State vs Baylor
Bramlage Coliseum, 12:30 p.m.

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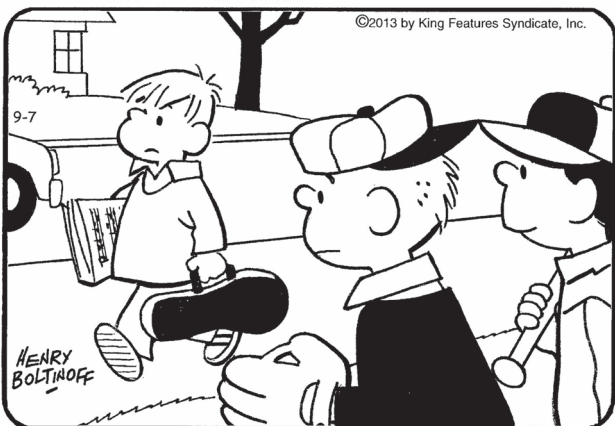
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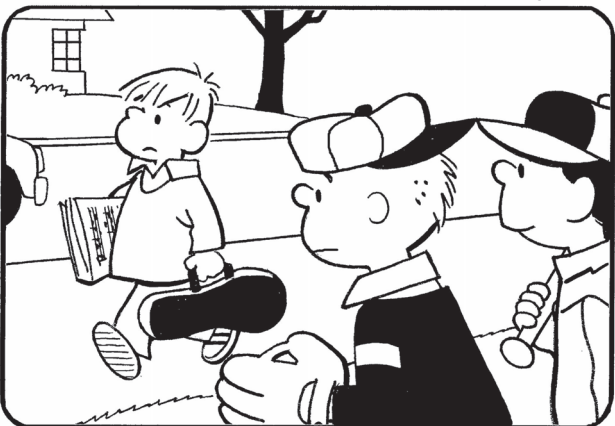
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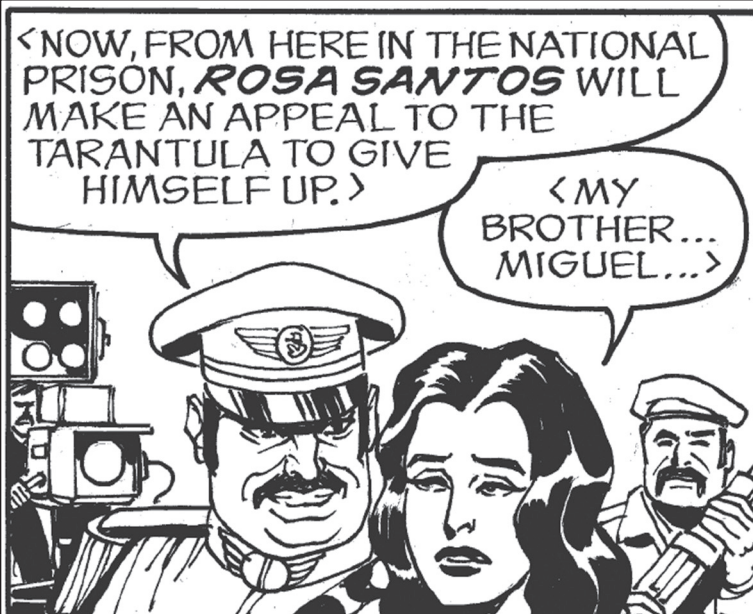
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Wildcats ready for senior night, Horned Frogs

BY EMILIO RIVERA
THE COLLEGIAN

After a season of ups and downs, the K-State women's basketball team (11-17, 5-12 Big 12) are preparing to take their home court for the last time this season against TCU (16-13, 7-10 Big 12) tonight. It will be the final appearance at Bramlage Coliseum for three Wildcats: forwards Katya Leick and Ashlynn Knoll, and guard Chantay Caron.

One of the stories to watch coming into the game against TCU is Knoll's resurgence in the lineup for the Wildcats. Knoll, who missed much of last season with an injury, is playing the best basketball of her K-State career. While averaging only 20 minutes of playing time in the last three games, Knoll has been able to capture three double-digit performances.

"It's great to see the momentum that Ashlynn will have behind her going into this game," K-State head coach Deb Patterson said.

Another player who is coming on strong for the Wildcats is freshman guard Kindred Wesemann. Wesemann has been a pivotal piece alongside Leticia Romero during the last three games, shooting 47.6 percent from behind the arc and scoring approximately 38 points during the stretch. Wesemann has taken some of the pressure off Romero, giving the Wildcats better spacing on the court and allowing more open shots.

Over the last few games, Romero, Knoll and Wesemann have given the Wildcats a spark they could have used at the beginning of conference play. Since the last matchup with TCU, a 64-44 loss in Fort Worth, Texas on Feb. 19, the trio has carried the team on the offensive end of the court.

The Horned Frogs have a solid defense, and are known for forcing turnovers throughout games. Horned Frogs head coach Jeff Mittie's team is ranked first in the Big 12 in steals, averaging

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ASHLYNN KNOLL
FORWARD

more than 10 steals per game, and second in the conference with a positive 3.94 turnover margin.

While every player on the Wildcats will want to win this last home game of the season, seniors said they know that this game will mean the most to them.

"Everybody wants to win on their senior night, and on Monday night it's (our) last game in Bramlage. It's a real big deal and nobody wants to leave on a loss," Knoll said. "We kind of have a dirty feeling in our throat from

losing to TCU. I think we're all pretty fired up about it and just ready to prove that we should have beat them the first time and that we definitely can (beat them). So (we're ready) to fight hard the last time on that court and take it to them."

While the Wildcats will continue to improve after this season, Patterson said she understands that she will be losing three talented players.

"We've got a really great senior core, although none of them have played major chunks of minutes for us, they all have been great-end people in the classroom," Patterson said. "They've been great in respect of working to lead and teach this young team on and off of the floor what the standards are."



Senior forward **Ashlynn Knoll** looks to pass around West Virginia junior forward **Averee Fields** in K-State's 61-40 loss to the Mountaineers Feb. 22 in Bramlage Coliseum. Seniors Knoll, forward Katya Leick and guard Chantay Caron will play the last home game of their K-State careers in Bramlage tonight against TCU.

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BASEBALL

K-State sweeps three games against Grand Canyon, Missouri in Texas

BY SPENCER LOW
THE COLLEGIAN

If everything is bigger in Texas, then the three games that K-State won in Abilene, Texas this weekend were doubly huge. After a 1-7 start to the season in California, the Wildcats were in need of a successful weekend when their home opener series against Milwaukee was cancelled due to winter weather in Manhattan, and they certainly found one down south.

It would have been understandable, if disappointing, for the team to continue their struggles after having to play away games scheduled last-minute instead of three

home games. However, the Wildcats found success at the Bourland-Ardoin Classic, boosting their record to 4-7.

Everything came together on Friday for a win as the offense banged out 14 hits, while sophomore starter Levi MaVorhis had a career performance on the mound against Grand Canyon.

The offense put up three runs in the first inning, giving them an early lead on a windy day, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Such conditions often mean trouble for pitchers, but not so for K-State, who won 9-4.

MaVorhis pitched a career-high 7.1 innings, giving up four runs - three earned - off seven hits while striking out eight, also a career-high, and walking two.

On offense, senior first baseman Shane Conlon led the way with three hits, two of which were doubles. Three players had two-hit games: senior Ross Kivett, starting in center field for the first time in his Wildcat career, junior designated hitter Carter Yagi, and junior outfielder Kyle Speer, who also had a triple.

Facing Grand Canyon again in the first of two games on Saturday, the Wildcats kept up the big offense and great pitching for an 11-1 win.

In his third career start, sophomore Landon Busch tossed a complete game as K-State took another win, which was not too shabby for a pitcher who had never pitched more than four innings in an outing. The lefty

allowed just one run off eight hits in his nine innings, striking out four and walking one.

The offense made it easy for Busch, scoring 11 runs off 11 hits and five walks, including a six-run eighth inning that saw 10 batters come to the plate.

Sophomore outfielder Clayton Dalrymple had a team-high three hits, while sophomore second baseman Lance Miles added two hits, both of which went for doubles. Junior shortstop Austin Fisher also had two hits while junior designated hitter Max Brown tacked on a triple as the Wildcat offense left just four runners on base in the game.

Another 11-hit game by the offense against Missouri State later on Saturday

sealed the team's third win in two days, while senior Jared Moore delivered another solid start for the team.

The offense was carried by Kivett, Conlon and Fisher, who each had three hits. Fisher had an especially good day, falling a triple short of the cycle with a double and a home run.

Moore continued to eat up innings for the Wildcats, giving up three runs and eight hits in seven innings while striking out five and walking one. Freshmen Jake Fromson and Jake Whaley each pitched a scoreless inning to finish off the game for K-State.

Sunday's game against Abilene Christian was cancelled due to inclement weather.

The weekend was a re-

sounding success for head coach Brad Hill and his team, as all three starters delivered solid performances and the offense bounced out of their slump.

Busch dropped his ERA from 5.62 to 3.18, while Kivett's batting average rose almost 100 points, from .185 to .282. Fisher continued his early season tear as his batting average stands at a team-high .436. The junior infielder is slugging .538, second on the team behind Dalrymple's .583.

This week, the Wildcats will travel to Lincoln, Neb. on Tuesday for a game against the Cornhuskers before returning to Manhattan to open up their home schedule with a three-game series against Iowa on Friday.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Wildcats set to take on Sooners in Stillwater for season's final road game

BY JOHN ZETMEIR
THE COLLEGIAN

K-State is running out of opportunities to win away from Bramlage Coliseum before post-season play begins. The Wildcats only have one more opportunity, to be precise. That opportunity will come Monday against the Oklahoma State Cowboys (19-10, 7-9 Big 12).

"It's a tough matchup," senior forward Shane Southwell said. "They are a really good team. Like coach (Weber) said, they have three really good players."

Both the Wildcats and Cowboys will enter Monday night's matchup with momentum on their side. Oklahoma State has now won three straight games since sophomore guard Marcus Smart has returned from his three-game suspension. Most recently, the Cowboys added a big 72-65 win over the Kansas Jayhawks to their resume. The Cowboys and Wildcats are two of only three Big 12 opponents who have gotten the better of the Jayhawks this year. Smart is averaging approximately 18 points, 4.7 assists and 5.7 rebounds per game since his return.

On Saturday, the Wildcats also added a win over a top 25 team, as they knocked off the No. 15 Iowa State. With a 80-73 victory over the Cyclones, the Wildcats improved their home



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Junior forward **Thomas Gipson** is defended by Iowa State forwards **Georges Niang** (left) and **Melvin Ejim** as he prepares to take a shot during the Wildcats' 80-73 defeat of Iowa State in Bramlage Coliseum on Saturday.

winning streak to 15 games, which includes an 8-0 Big 12 home record this season. However, it's been a different story on the road; the Wildcats are just 2-6 away from Bramlage in conference play.

The two teams have gone through a lot since their first meeting back in early January. Almost two months ago, it was

the Cowboys who strolled into Bramlage Coliseum ranked No. 6 in the country. K-State used a second half surge to claw past the Cowboys, which was considered one of the big upsets of the early part of the Big 12 season.

After suffering a seven-game losing streak, the Cow-

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Gun restriction measures would not effectively, completely cease violent acts



The death of actor Phillip Seymour Hoffman was tragic, disappointing and, unfortunately, is historically not out of the norm for American pop culture stars. Noah Rayman reported for the times on Feb. 28 that Hoffman died from a toxic mixture of drugs that included heroin.

Heroin is illegal. It’s not sold in stores. It’s deadly and I’m going to assume Hoffman knew of its effects. Nevertheless, he used it.

Similarly, prostitution is a common international trade, though it’s illegal in most places. Prostitutes aren’t shelved in stores; the sicknesses and violence that can follow the act are deadly, and both parties partaking in the trade are aware of its effects. Nonetheless, people do it.

Sometimes, a baby is a result of prostitution. Sometimes, the mother decides to abort the baby. It is argued that abortion should be a legal choice, because otherwise women will find less credible sources to perform the abortion, leading to back alley operations and unsanitary, deadly and dangerous procedures. It’s argued that if this result were the status quo, women would nevertheless agree to the abortion because, “people are going to do what they want to do.”

Sandy Hook Elementary School shooter Adam Lanza did what he wanted to do. Despite the fact that he illegally stole his mother’s firearms, which he illegally used to killed 26 innocent people after illegally breaking and entering into Sandy Hook Elementary, he got away with it. He did what he wanted to do.

If the argument, “When we prohibit evil, only good will exist,” actually stood true, we wouldn’t have the previously mentioned situations in this world.

So, I’d like to know how this argument would work with guns. Forget the constitutionality of the argument for the next 82 seconds.

The argument that removal of firearms will lead to a more peaceful society is simply a fallacy. The same day as Lanza’s murder spree, a 36-year-old man in China attacked a primary school and slashed 22 children and an elderly woman. His weapon of choice?

A knife. Why? Because the only people allowed to own guns in China are those in the government.

Just this weekend, a mob of at least 10 suspects went on a stabbing spree in a Kunming, China subway that left 33 dead and more than 140 more injured. Guns weren’t responsible for the violence, and neither were the knives – the people were.

You see, people are going to do what they want to do.

I thank god the children at the primary school in China weren’t murdered, as 20 were at Sandy Hook. And I’m not dismissing the argument that guns aren’t deadlier than knives. They are. They’re powerful, dangerous weapons and people are aware of their effects.

But, taking into account my scenarios discussed earlier, I bet people would still use guns if they were confiscated or made illegal. Even if guns were unavailable to use, people would still be violent and murderous. And you can see furthermore, there are other weapons available to violent individuals. So maybe we should ban guns, knives, cars, bats, cast-iron skilletts, axes, bows and arrows, fire, ropes, deadly chemicals, pillows (for suffocation), bears, badgers, rocks, pools, Putin and any other object that can be used to commit murder.

Then, one might say that if we remove guns specifically from society and let violence continue but without firearms, the violent crimes committed will result in fewer deaths – similar to the Sandy Hook, Chinese knife attack comparison I made.

But what about the deaths and injuries prevented by guns? Take into account all the home invasions, murders, rapes and thefts prevented not even by the use, but simply the threat, of a firearm. Are those saved lives worth sacrificing in order to support a hypothesized policy that we only think might work to decrease violence?

In Australia, it’s been about 17 years since the National Firearms Agreement implemented a mandatory buyback program on newly-banned semiautomatic and automatic rifles, and shotguns. Statistics vary, but steadily report that the number of home invasions and assaults have been climbing since the people’s government reclaimed the public’s guns; reasonforforce.com cites that the

number of armed robberies went up 20 percent after the ban.

How about finding the source of the violence instead and starting there? Maybe we shouldn’t promote things like 7-year-olds slaughtering animated humans on a TV screen for hours every day, but instead, encourage situations like parents hugging their children, sitting down for a family dinner and talking about effectively handling anger.

Alright, the 82 seconds are over. Now remember, before the effectiveness of a gun-removal policy has the chance to be discussed, there’s the first hurdle: the Constitution. It’s more than 200 years old. Why do we even use that dirty old thing anymore, right?

Because it rocks, that’s why. It assures me that this discussion of banning firearms will never materialize in a true America. It’s a clear violation of our na-

tion’s platform. If someone wants to argue why they’d rather remove guns from society, I advocate that person move out of America – but try not to take the Chinese subway.

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Existence of guns proves too risky; only solution is gun eradication

By JESSE GILMORE
THE COLLEGIAN

In the realm of politics today, few issues are more hotly contested than gun control. Ask gun owners, and they’ll say that the government is infringing upon their private right to property. Gun controllers, on the other side, will claim that they’re trying to protect the peoples’ right to life – a right that the mere existence of guns threatens.

The Second Amendment states that, “(a) well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.” In historical context, this was in order to keep the newly formed country from being invaded during a time when state militias were common. Now, however, very few of the 50 million households that own guns are part of a militia or use the roughly 290 million firearms in civilian ownership for the defense of the country, according to justthefacts.com.

With the total population of the United States at approximately 317 million, this amounts to nearly one gun for each man, woman and child in the U.S.

So what makes guns such a compelling item to own? Many people will say that they own a gun for self-defense, and this is a completely legitimate argument. According to the FBI, an estimated 1,214,462 violent crimes (murder, forceable rape, robbery and aggravated assault) occurred nationwide in 2012, an increase of 0.7 percent from the bureau’s 2011 estimate.

But, while many criminals have been fended off by gun-wielding victims, it’s also important to look at how the criminal commits his/her crime. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention calculated that in 2010, there were a total of 16,259 homicides in the United States. Out of those, 11,078 (an estimated 68 percent) were committed with firearms, and those are just the murders – roughly 10 percent of the over 5 million violent crimes committed each year were committed using a gun.

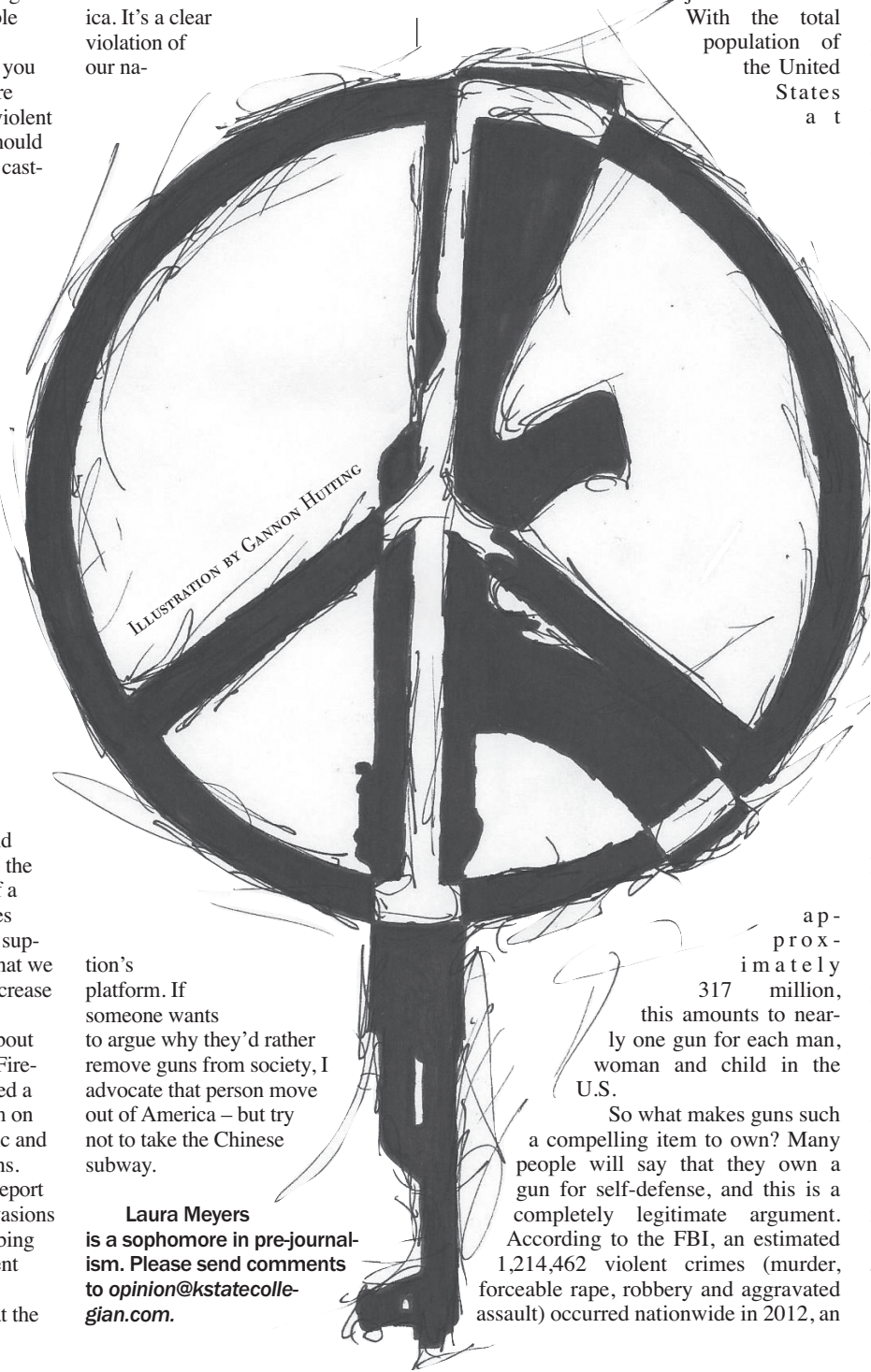
Everyone can agree that less crime is better. In order to reduce these numbers, we have two options. The first option would be to control the people using the guns. To do this, the government already has a background check system in place that is horribly flawed. According to justthefacts.com, in a 10-year period from 1998 to 2008, 96 million background checks were made for the intention of purchasing a firearm. Only 681,000 cases were denied – a total of less than 1 percent. With such a low amount of denials, it becomes inevitable that some people who shouldn’t own guns are going to slip through the cracks. In a period from 2004-10, 1,225 firearm and three explosive background checks were processed for people on federal terror watch lists. In spite of this fact, 1,115 of the firearms sales and all three explosives sales were approved.

The second option for reducing tragedy would be to begin eliminating firearms from the general population, and this has proven effective. Historically, one of the worst cities for murder in the U.S. is Chicago. In 1982, the city passed a ban on the possession of handguns. Before 2010, the year the ban was struck down as unconstitutional, the murder rate for Chicago had dropped 19 percent below what it was in 1982, according to the American Bar Association.

Of course, banning guns prohibits some people from legitimate recreational use such as hunting and sport shooting. However, this provides out excuse for obtaining a firearm; even in Norway where the background checks for firearm purchases are most thorough, mass-murderer Anders Behring Breivik was still able to purchase a Ruger Mini-14 and a Glock-34, using hunting as an excuse. He used the weapons to kill 77 people in Norway on July 22, 2011.

It’s easy to fall into the trap of assuming that violent crimes only occur in large cities. However, the armed robbery and aggravated assault that occurred near campus recently show that violent crimes can occur anywhere, and that the possession of firearms only makes violent crimes easier to commit. The original purpose of government was to protect its constituents from harm, and allowing guns to continue to be created and available to the public with virtually no regulation is doing a disservice to the people who die or are victimized as a result of the existence of firearms.

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TRACK & FIELD

Wildcats show well at Big 12 Championships

BY BRANDON PAINTER
THE COLLEGIAN

K-State's men's and women's track teams competed in the Big 12 Indoor Track and Field Championships in Ames, Iowa this weekend. The men placed third for the second straight year and the women placed fifth. The men tallied 95 points, their second highest point total in the event. This is the first back-to-back top-three placement for the men since 2003 and 2004.

Headlining the weekend's events, senior Devin Dick placed first in the heptathlon with 5,678 points. This tops last season's top score of 5,603 and placed him fourth in K-State's history. Sophomore Alyx Treasure placed second in high jump, clearing 1.75m/5-08.75.

The hot streak that Erica Twiss has been on all season continued through the championship meet with her 17 points across three events – she placed third in the 60-meter hurdles with 8.42 seconds, won the pentathlon and finished eighth in the long jump. Other winners included sophomore Sara Savatovic, who took first place in the women's weight throw; senior Jharyl Bowry, who won his second-straight Big 12 indoor title; and senior pole vaulter Kyle Wait, who captured his first indoor title. Wait is the two-time reigning Big 12 outdoor pole vault title holder.

"In terms of the team placing, we far surpassed really what I thought we would do and, individually, there were a lot of really good performances," head coach Cliff Rovelto said to K-State Sports. "It's really hard for me to find much of anything wrong."



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Redshirt sophomore pole vaulter **Alyx Treasure** twists her body up and over the high jump bar at the 2012 Wildcat Invitational Jan. 21, 2012, in Ahearn Fieldhouse. Treasure placed second in the high jump at the Big 12 Indoor Track & Field Championships in Ames, Iowa, this weekend.

TENNIS

Wildcats' hopes dashed with loss in Big Apple

BY KIERSTEN SCHORGL
THE COLLEGIAN

Though they entered the weekend with hopes of recovering from a two-match loss last weekend, the K-State women's tennis team fell short again, falling to No. 36 Columbia and No. 43 Memphis.

After winning five-straight matches before last weekend, the Wildcats have now lost four straight matches, bringing their season record to 5-5.

Senior Petra Niedermayerova was victorious in her singles match against No. 59 ITA ranked sophomore Kani-

ka Vaidya of Columbia on Friday. Capturing her 10th win in her last 12 singles matches, Niedermayerova advanced her career record against ITA ranked opponents to 31-22.

The next day, Memphis took the doubles points early on, and after taking three singles points, the games still in play were halted. This effected Niedermayerova, who was a game away from her 97th career singles win before her match was halted.

The Wildcats will host No. 54 Wichita State Saturday. The match will take place at noon at either Mike Goss Tennis Stadium, or the indoor courts depending on the weather conditions.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

K-State captures big win over No. 5 Baylor

BY JOHN ZETMEIR
THE COLLEGIAN

The No. 7 K-State Wildcats outperformed the No. 5 Baylor Bears on Friday at Timbercreek Stables in Manhattan, 11-9.

"It was a huge conference win and we definitely needed this," said head coach Casie Maxwell, according to K-State Sports. "We are trying to stay undefeated at home like we did in the fall semester and we want to finish that up next weekend. Our team rode excellent and the energy was excellent today."

The win on Friday avenged the Wildcats previous 15-5 loss to the Bears that came earlier this season in Waco, Texas. The two Wildcats who earned Most Outstanding Player honors were seniors Cat Avolese and Emily Stockton.

The Wildcats will conclude their regular season this Saturday at 10 a.m. against No. 8 TCU at Timbercreek Stables. Saturday will be senior day for the K-State equestrian team.

Manhattan, Kansas area news briefs

BY KAREN SARITA INGRAM
THE COLLEGIAN

Vanier family gives \$60 million to K-State

K-State President Kirk Schulz announced via Twitter on Friday that K-State had received a \$60 million donation from Jack Vanier and his family. The gift is the largest private donation in the university's history.

"The entire K-State family joins me in thanking Jack and Donna, and their children Marty, John and Mary for this transformational gift that will benefit the students of Kansas State for generations to come," Schulz said in a statement on the KSU Foundation homepage. "This is a historic day in our progress toward our K-State 2025 vision of moving Kansas State University into the ranks of the Top 50 public research universities in the U.S."

The donation will be split into two parts. \$40 million has been set aside for scholarships, professorships, fellowships and more that will benefit students and faculty in a number of departments and colleges throughout the university. The remaining \$20 million has been set aside for Phase III of the Athletic Department's upgrades, which will improve conditions for the entire 16-sport department.

Unidentified body found in Tuttle Creek Lake

A dead body was recovered from the Tuttle Cove area of Tuttle Creek Lake on Friday. An individual called authorities at 3:13 p.m. to report a body in the water. Riley County Police, Riley County Emergency Management and the Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office responded and recovered the body from an unfrozen part of the lake, according to WIBW and the Topeka Capital-Journal.

Authorities could not confirm the identity of the woman, or whether the description matched that of Jane Peterson, a St. George, Kan. resident and K-State employee who has been missing since Jan. 19. The body has been taken to the Kansas City area for an autopsy.

Winter Storm Titan causes two fatal Kansas car accidents

Two fatal car accidents in Kansas were caused by Winter Storm Titan as it swept across much of the U.S. this weekend.

According to KSN TV, the Kansas Highway Patrol reported dozens of accidents caused by slick conditions on Saturday. The Reno County Sheriff's office reported six people injured and one killed. Reno County is northwest of Wichita and includes the city of Hutchinson, Kan.

KCTV 5 reported that a woman died in a single-vehicle accident near Kansas City, Mo. at approximately 4 a.m. on Sunday. The names of the victims have not been released.

The damage caused by Winter Storm Titan was reported from coast to coast over the weekend. It caused flooding and mudslides in California on Friday before moving on to the Midwest, where heavy snow caused a pile up on Interstate 25 in Colorado, killing one and injuring about 30. On Sunday, the storm caused rain in the south, icy conditions in Arkansas, and wintry mix and snow in more than a dozen states from the Texas-Oklahoma panhandle to the east coast.

Recent graduate of K-State becomes White House intern

The White House Internship program announced a list of interns for the spring 2014 semester that included two Kansas natives, one of which is a K-State alum.

Justin Prelogar, who graduated in December 2012 with degrees in political science and philosophy, was one of two people from Kansas chosen for the highly coveted internship program. Prelogar is from Leawood, Kan.

The other intern from Kansas is Cory Sagduyu of Overland Park, Kan. According to the press release, Sagduyu attended the University of Texas at Dallas in Richardson, Texas.

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TUTOR | Lynch, Dierks focus on Tutoring Center expansions

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while also making room for the services in Leasure Hall.

Support from the K-State administration towards the tutoring services has been strong, Lynch said. The Tutoring Center was initially run through funds allocated by the student government, but as those funds have become insufficient, the administration has reallocated funds to help the Tutoring Center on multiple occasions, Lynch said.

A majority of the cost of the expansion to Kramer was paid for using a \$60,000 allotment from a central fund set up for the increased tuition budget through the provost's office.

"We used part of that money to make our director full time," Lynch said. "Part of the rest of the money was used to open the walk-in tutoring at the Kramer dining center."

Both Lynch and Dierks spoke of the possibility of consolidating the Lea-

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KIMBERLY DIERKS
COORDINATOR OF THE LEASURE TUTORING CENTER

sure and Lafene spaces into one, central location for the Tutoring Center in the future. However, as space is currently an issue, they said their focus for now is to expand to the Derby Dining Hall and possibly have space in the new residence hall that is being planned at the Kramer complex.

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successful."

Students said they would be happy to see a future change to a more centralized location for the Tutoring Center.

"For students who already live on campus, Leasure, Derby or Kramer are a lot easier to get to than Lafene for sure," Kaitlin West, senior in mass communications, said. "I think it would be nice to have a central location though, just because that way you always know where to go if you have a problem."

Reagan Kays, senior in agribusiness and candidate for student body president, is running on a platform of

streamlining and improving the tutoring services at K-State. His objectives include introducing an online chat box, using iSIS to sign up for a tutor and a mobile app to find specific information regarding tutoring services.

Although Kays said he hasn't discussed any potential changes to tutoring with Dierks and Lynch, they both said they would welcome an increased use in technology for the tutoring services.

"It's a real convenience for a student who was possibly struggling at night," Dierks said. "You could go ask a question and get a quick answer, or check when the tutor was available to help you the next day or as soon as possible"

Lynch said that while there is definitely a place for more technology in tutoring services and it is something that has been considered for the future, implementation of such services would depend on the overall cost of the program.

More information on tutoring can be found at k-state.edu/aac/tutoring, including hours and services available.

BBALL | Wildcats need win

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boys have had their backs against the wall with aspirations of playing in the NCAA tournament. The Wildcats, on the other hand, now have seven wins over RPI top 50 teams. K-State's win over the Cyclones on Saturday forced a four-way tie for second place in the Big 12 standings. With the Big 12 tournament in Kansas City, Mo. only right around the corner, the Wildcats could use a big road win in Stillwater.

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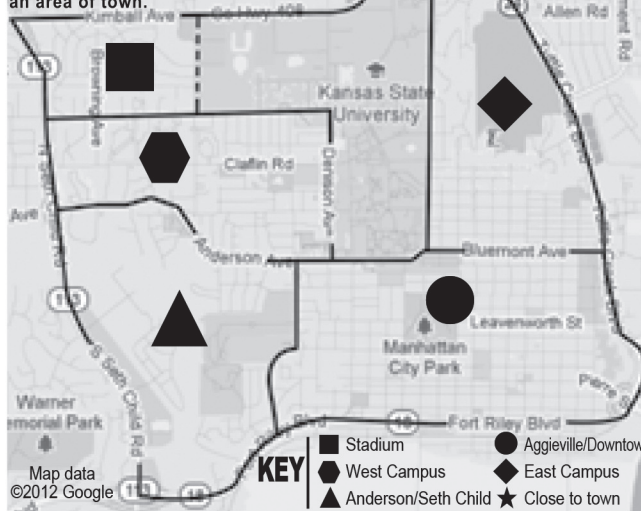
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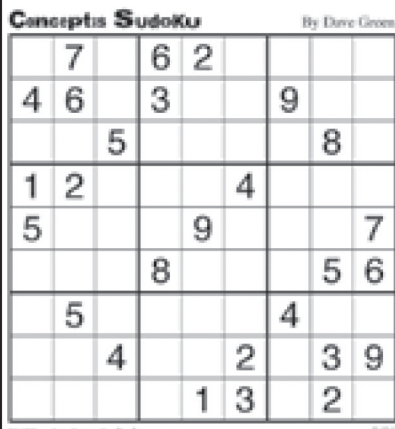
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Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company performs, mesmerizes McCain crowd



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Members of the Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company perform with huge ribbons in their final dance during their performance in McCain Auditorium on Friday.

By JESSICA SHIELDS
THE COLLEGIAN

Chinese and American culture came together on stage Friday through the vision of Lily Cai, founder, artistic director and choreographer of the Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company in the performance of “Dynasties and Beyond.”

Six dancers from the company performed the dance “Dynasties and Beyond” at McCain Auditorium, blending aspects of Chinese and American culture to represent the Chinese woman through dance.

“I want to speak from my soul as a Chinese woman,” Cai said. “American culture gives me the power of being creative. Chinese culture gives (me) the rich historical roots. Being in America always challenges

(my) culture— I love that.”

Audience members were able to grasp Cai’s cultural contrast through the choreography and musical style of the performance, said Leslie Engelman, graduate student in public health.

“I’ve been thinking a lot about the music and how the dancers time their motion to the music,” Engelman said. “That’s just been really neat to watch because the counts are not what in Western society we think of as a beat.”

Though most of the music was Chinese, “Candelas,” was one dance choreographed to Gustav Mahler’s “Symphony No. 5 (4th Movement).” Mahler was an Austrian composer. During the piece, the dancer’s wore nude-colored leotards and each carried two candles. They advanced slowly, arching their backs and spinning while hold-

ing the lit candles.

“It’s a piece about death, and being at a cemetery,” Angela Yuen Uyeda, dancer in the company, said. “The fire represents, for me, a feeling of always going up, a transcendentalistic point of view.”

Yuen Uyeda was specifically featured in the dance called “Straw Hat Girl,” a sensual expression of the modern Dai region dance. Yuen Uyeda’s performance was unique in that it was the only soloist act of the night.

Yuen Uyeda said that her dance was a break from the dynasty dances that preceded and followed her. For “Straw Hat Girl,” Yuen Uyeda wore a green outfit and a straw hat. The hat covered her eyes during the whole performances, a distinguishing feature of the performance.

“It gets you more engaged,

I think as an audience member and also me as a dancer,” Yuen Uyeda said. “It’s a big challenge to dance with tassels in front of your face.”

Much of the performance was choreographed with the dancers’ backs to the audience and their faces covered with hats.

“It’s Lily Cai’s way of being mysterious ... the focus is not on the face. It’s on the whole staging,” Yuen Uyeda said.

Cai’s dancing emphasizes that the strength of the dancer comes directly from her core, or her soul. Cai spoke on her technique, pointing out that it is more than just energy flow.

“It’s so big, my technique ... I developed it over the past two decades,” Cai said. “It’s a hundred percent addressing the body, what body’s missing, what body needs ... being strong ... all is meaningful from the

torso. I have a very different approach. It’s a soul-body problem ... (I) just teach them to dance from the soul.”

Kaitlyn Long, sophomore in animal sciences and industry minoring in dance, said she personally experienced this technique when she took classes from Cai.

“She taught us things that I don’t think I’ll learn from any other teacher, like being grounded,” Long said. “She really emphasizes being grounded and dropping your spirit down, but at the same time keeping yourself up and keeping your power, your energy flowing and outwards towards your audience.”

Dancing this way requires a lot of stamina and perseverance, Yuen Uyeda said. Performing on stage brings out a lot emotion from the dancers she said.

“It takes a lot of commitment because you don’t see im-

provement immediately, so it’s a lot of self-patience ... it takes stamina,” Yuen Uyeda said. “You feel an immense sense of joy and fulfillment, but then there’s also fear, but fear in a good way ... and then relief.”

The dancer’s finale was filled with color and ribbons. The dancers leapt and twirled with ribbons of all different colors to the pounding beat of a drum.

“I am speechless,” Sana Munir, junior in architectural engineering, said. “I was mesmerized. It was so beautiful, especially the last one, with the ribbons.”

Munir said she was able to learn a lot about the Chinese culture from the performance.

“It is polite, and calm and colorful — it has a flow,” Munir said. “(The dancers) showed Chinese women as very strong; she can do anything, anything.”

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